

# **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 BIENNIAL CALL FOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TRANSIT STOPS**



Issued: November 1, 2006

**Background:**

On August 4, 1999 the SANBAG Board approved a policy that 20% of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds would be made available for projects that improve access to transit stops for pedestrian and persons with disabilities. This program has been developed in recognition of the importance of providing safe and accessible paths of travel to existing and proposed bus stop locations. In some instances, the provision of accessible pathways to bus stops may reduce the demand for complementary paratransit service provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The total amount available in this call for projects is \$816,495 and is comprised of funds from two fiscal years (FY 2006 to 2007).

Applicants may be cities, county or transit operators/claimants. No single jurisdiction shall receive more than 10% of the funds available under this call for projects unless there are an insufficient number of project applications to fully utilize the amount available. Joint power agency transit operators who are the lead agency for implementing the proposed projects may receive awards above the 10% limit.

**Eligible Projects:**

1. Retrofitting sidewalks with accessibility ramps to improve access to existing bus stops.
2. Construction of bus stop pads, including pads for bus shelters, but not including purchase and installation of bus shelters or benches at existing bus stop locations.
3. Construction of bus stop pads, including pads for bus shelters, but not including purchase and installation of bus shelters or benches at new bus stop locations
4. Construction of new sidewalks to serve existing bus stop locations.
5. Construction of new sidewalks to serve new bus stop locations.

Eligible project cost include expenses associated with: right of way acquisition or easement; preliminary engineering and design; plans, specifications and estimates; and construction. All projects must comply with the applicable Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), Health and Safety Code, Sections 18901 to 18949.6 of the State Building Standards Law as issued by the California Building Standards Commission, and comply with local building and construction codes and requirements.

### **Application Information:**

Each application should include a prioritized listing of access improvement projects. Projects shall be classified as one of the five types of projects identified under the eligibility section above. Each project description should identify whether the existing right of way or a new easement is required for the proposed project. Where possible, the applicant should document that the proposed project addresses a problem area identified by current users of the transit service or through a survey of bus stop accessibility. The applicant should identify the number of bus routes and daily buses serving the stop, current or expected daily boardings and alightings as well as generators or attractors served at the proposed project location. Applications shall include pictures of the improvement site(s) or location(s). A schedule for project completion, by project, is to be included in the application. (See attached application form).

### **Project Evaluation Criteria:**

Evaluation Criteria	Possible Score
Project addresses identified access issues at existing bus stops.	30
Project is for access to a new bus stop location.	15
Cost Effectiveness <sup>1</sup>	20
Reasonableness of Cost	20
Matching funds from applicant <sup>2</sup>	15

<sup>1</sup> Cost effectiveness shall include consideration of project cost divided by daily boardings and alightings and/or complementary paratransit cost avoidance achieved by making the bus stop location accessible to individuals with disabilities.

<sup>2</sup> Matching funds from applicant may consist of Federal Transit Administration funds, Community Development Block Grant funds or other local funds, including LTF Article 8a.

Project applications will be evaluated by a committee comprised of two SANBAG staff, engineering or public works staff from four cities/towns and/or the County and one member from the disabled community.

### **Call for Projects Schedule:**

Issue Call for Projects	November 1, 2006
Project Proposals Due	February 2, 2007
Recommendation to Plans & Programs	March 21, 2007
Recommendation to Board	April 4, 2007

### **Project Completion and Payment:**

Recipients of funding approved by the SANBAG Board shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred up to the amount approved. Each recipient shall prepare and submit a project completion report, including pictures of the completed project(s) to accompany the

request for reimbursement. SANBAG shall reimburse the recipient within 45 days. Recipient must retain all records necessary for the fiscal and compliance audit that will be conducted at the end of each fiscal year.

**Biennial Article 3 20% Fund  
Call for Projects Application Form**

1. Priority #: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Project Description:

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4. Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Existing Bus Stop                      \_\_\_\_\_ New Bus Stop

\_\_\_\_\_ Existing ROW                      \_\_\_\_\_ Easement Required

5. Project Cost Estimate:            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Non-TDA Article 3 Project Matching Funds:            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Location Characteristics:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Routes Serving Location

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Daily Buses Serving Location

\_\_\_\_\_ Daily Boardings and Alightings

\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated ADA Cost Savings

8. Listing of Generators and Attractors Served:

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